

Tax.

oak, then south twenty-one and a-half degrees, west five thousand two hundred and eighty feet (5,280), to corner of bridge pier on Virginia line, opposite lower end of Hominy Island, then up and with said line to the beginning; and the property within said limits shall be subject to such taxes and charges as may be deemed necessary by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to support and maintain the expenses which may at any time be incurred in the improvement of said town.

Approved and in force April 4, 1870.

BIRDS.

1870, c. 120 adds the following:

1870, c. 120, s. 1.
Birds protected

193. It shall not be lawful for any person in Allegany county to shoot, kill or in any way trap or destroy any blue bird, swallow, martins, robins, cat birds, wood peckers, sparrows, wrens, whippoorwills, doves, or any other insectivorous birds, at any season of the year, under the penalty of two dollars for each bird so killed, taken or destroyed.

Ibid s. 2.
When unlawful
to kill pheas-
ants and par-
tridges.

194. It shall not be lawful for any person to kill or destroy any pheasants or partridges between the first day of January and the first day of September, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every pheasant or partridge so killed, taken or destroyed.

Ibid s. 3.
Penalty for de-
stroying eggs
or nests.

195. No person shall at any time during the year wilfully destroy the eggs or nests of any such birds as are named in this act within this county, under the penalty of two dollars for each and every offence.

Ibid s. 4.
Possession evi-
dence of guilt.

196. The possession by any person within the county of any of the birds mentioned in this act as shot, killed or otherwise destroyed, shall be *prima facie* evidence to commit under this act.

Ibid. s. 5
Distribution of
fines.

197. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this act and being convicted thereof before any justice of the peace in this county, or by the oath or affirmation of one or more witnesses, [*shall*] forfeit the fine or fines named in this act, one-half to the use of the school